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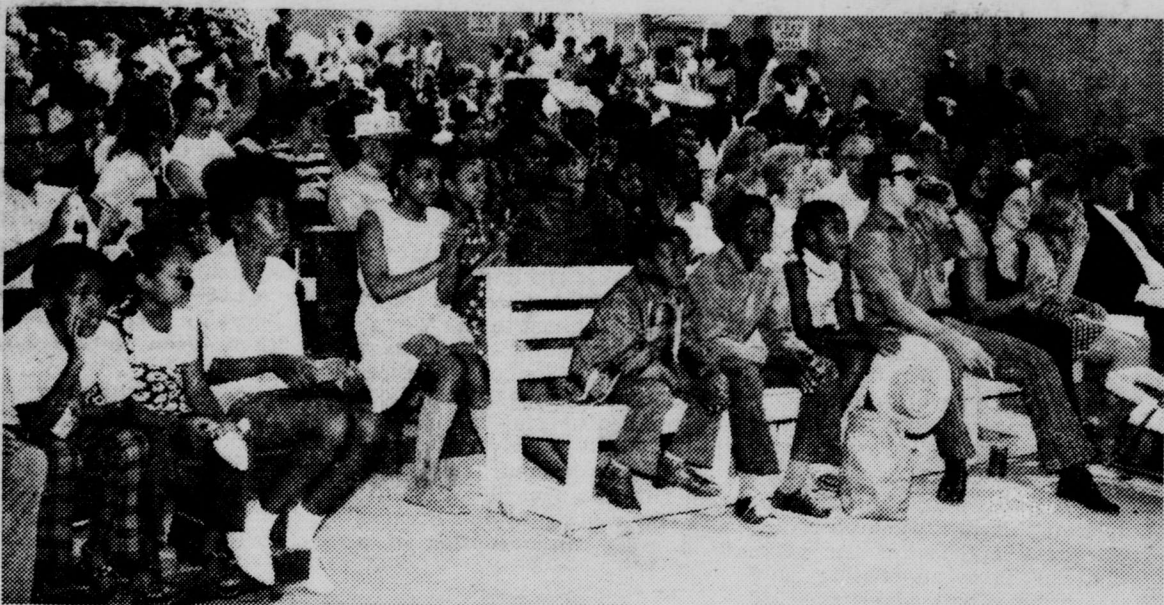
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No 'acceptable' joblessness -- Unruh



PART OF the some 8,500 who attended COPE's Labor Day Picnic at Pleasanton applauded entertainment acts. Later, this area

was jammed to hear candidate for governor Jess Unruh and other COPE choices at the November 3 election.

Standing ovation by labor crowd for COPE candidate

Jess Unruh brought a crowd of working people to its feet in a standing ovation at Alameda County COPE's Labor Day Picnic Monday with his pledge that unlike his opponent for governor—"I will not stand still for 'acceptable' unemployment."

Unruh, COPE-endorsed candidate against GOP incumbent Ronald Reagan, made a Truman-style "give 'em hell" speech, stressing Reagan's inaction in face of massive joblessness and his ties to a "handful of millionaires."

His talk was the main event on a program which also included fighting speeches by COPE-backed candidates John Tunney for U.S. Senate, Ronald Dellums and Ken Meade for the Seventh Congressional and Sixteenth Assembly District seats, Charles O'Brien for attorney general and Ninth District Congressman Don Edwards, seeking re-election.

At least 8,500 unionists turned out for a day of fun and politics at the county fairgrounds in Pleasanton and the outdoor auditorium was jammed for speeches.

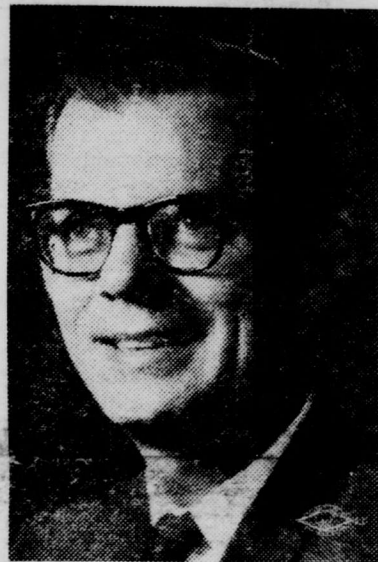
Unruh contrasted two headlines from his hometown Ingle-side newspaper, one quoting Reagan that the state has "never been more prosperous," the other quoting AFL-CIO President George Meany that the "average American doesn't have much to cheer about."

"The average Californian has even less to cheer about," Unruh commented, "with 6.5 per cent unemployment — 48 per cent higher than a year ago — with inflation at new record highs."

He warned his hearers that Reagan in his expensive television campaign "is produced and manipulated for the handful who want to control not only this state but the entire nation."

He promised to disclose "name by name those profiteers who are selling Reagan's pretty face" and promised to "chase Reagan until

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FRED F. COOPER

Plumbers plan Cooper testimonial

Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local 444 this week announced it will hold a testimonial dinner Thursday, October 1, for Fred C. Cooper, to raise funds for his labor-endorsed campaign for the Alameda County board of supervisors from the Third District.

Cooper led in a field of eight candidates for the office at the

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People are hungry here--the county begins to act

Prodded by labor and voluntary welfare groups, the Alameda County board of supervisors last week began to move toward action releasing government surplus food to hundreds of hungry persons who cannot get help here each week.

The board took three actions, none of them immediately aiding those who can't get enough to eat. But, Field Representative Dave Aroner of Social Service Union Local 535, said the board's moves indicated there could be help within a few weeks.

The board voted:

1. To refer the problem of release of the 2,000,000 pounds of government surplus food stored in the county to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and to the President. Before the food can be made available to the public, the Department of Agriculture must certify that it is needed.

2. To explore use of emergency food stamps, which can be issued to those in dire need if they have missed regular deadlines for applying. Under the proposal the county would pay the minimum 50 cent charge for \$28 worth of stamps for those without funds. The board also asked an estimate on the possible cost of the county picking up the 50 cent charge.

3. To explore county issuance of up to two weeks emergency public assistance to those in need of immediate help, as several other counties do, with eligibility to be verified later.

The board had before it a resolution from the Alameda County Central Labor Council, urging it to end the grim contrast between hundreds of hungry people while tons of government surplus food is in warehouses.

Labor Federation takes wide action; stresses politics

More than 1,200 delegates representing 1,300,000 California unionists covered the broad range of economic, legislative, community and political issues at last week's California Labor Federation convention in San Francisco.

It heard from AFL-CIO President George Meany, civil rights leader Bayard Rustin, Cesar Chavez and Larry Itliong of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, COPE-endorsed candidates Jess Unruh, for governor, and John V. Tunney, for U.S. Senate.

A constant theme was the need to end government policies fostering unemployment by electing COPE's candidates in November.

The convention elected Secretary John F. Henning to his first full term in the post in which he succeeded Thomas L. Pitts earlier this year and re-elected President Albin J. Gruhn and 31 incumbent vice presidents, including Alameda County Build-

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6-year U.S. jobless record

Headlines telling of favorable economic signs were supplanted last week by new ones telling of the highest unemployment rate in six years as the Nixon economic slowdown continued.

The rate nationally in August was 5.1 per cent, up one-tenth of 1 per cent from July. The last time the national jobless rate hit 5.1 per cent was in the autumn of 1964.

tumn of 1964.

There were 4,200,000 unemployed in the nation, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said, and total employment declined by nearly 400,000. A drop of 700,000 in the labor force—including those who have lost hope and stopped hunting jobs—more than wiped out a reduction of 400,000 in the official jobless figure.

Worst-hit industries were construction and manufacturing, and the teen age jobless rate soared to 15.9.

In the Bay Area, joblessness dropped one-tenth of 1 per cent to an even 5 per cent. The rate in August, 1969 was 3.8 per cent here when there were 19,000 fewer jobless.

Labor Day edition

This is a third Labor Day edition, containing additional greeting from advertisers. Union meeting notices are on page 4 and union correspondents' columns are on pages 2, 3 & 6.

EDITOR'S CHAIR

Make it come true, Dick

Some fiscal years it just does not pay to get out of bed on July 1.

Take Dick, the man we sent to the White House on his many promises, including one that he'd save us money, another that he'd lick inflation.

Poor fellow, he found out when he totted up the profit and loss

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BART employees set strike

United Public Employees Local 390 this week was waiting for an answer to its request to meet with Bay Area Rapid Transit District officials as hourly paid BART employees were ready to strike today.

BART representatives failed to show up last Friday to a meeting called by the Alameda County Central Labor Council which has placed strike sanction in the hands of Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx.

Immediate issue was BART's refusal to discuss the demotion, then firing of an electronic technician. But Local 390 Executive Secretary-Treasurer Paul Varacalli charged BART had refused to discuss salaries or remedy the lack of grievance procedures.

Local 390 has organized all but a handful of BART's electronic technicians, repairmen, electronic inspectors and other hourly paid personnel.

Union members at BART voted unanimously last week to strike at 12:01 a.m. today unless there was management action on their problems.

Strike sanction was granted unanimously August 28 by the Labor Council executive board.

President Ed Cordeiro of Car-men's Local Division 192 said he had written the council this week, protesting action on strike sanction as taking a position on a jurisdictional argument, forbidden by AFL-CIO rules.

He said that a BART preferential hiring agreement covering employees of other transit systems who would be displaced by BART, while not awarding jurisdiction, meant that jurisdiction would go to one of the signing unions.

Cordeiro made the executive committee motion. He declared it gave Groulx power to act only on the individual case.

Sheet Metal Workers 216

BY KEITH AND JIM

All members! Please be advised, do not sign any forms except a W-4 form when you are employed. It has been brought to our attention that lately certain companies have asked employees, employer and the union to sign statements that they have paid their pension, welfare, vacation and holiday, but this is before they have been terminated and you cannot be sure they will comply after you sign this document. Don't let this happen to you.

Many of the jobs that our members have been dispatched to recently are short term jobs and many of these jobs are being done by outside contractors. First and foremost, retain all check stubs. Second—all fringe benefits are to be paid by contractors into the various trust funds (welfare, pension, vacation and holiday, etc.) by the 20th day of the following month. These people then send our office a record of fringe monies received for each individual employee. Once in a while the contractor fails to send in the fringe benefits so you can readily see how important check stubs are. This is only one of many reasons to save your check stubs.

We urge all stewards and members working on travel time jobs to insist that employer pay travel allowance on a separate check. It is questionable whether or not the travel allowance is taxable. The money paid as mileage is not taxable.

We would like to bring to the attention of all members, Section 1(d) of our new Working Rules which reads as follows: "Any man accepting dispatch, in person, phone, telegram, etc., to a job shall report and accept job or notify dispatcher within 4 hours of dispatch." I might add that if you cannot contact the dispatcher leave the message with one of our office personnel.

The following have made contributions to P.A.L. since our last issue: Louis Rizzo, James A. Gorie, Bill Foley, Charles Casassa, David Merrill Jr., Merle W. Ezra, Lloyd Mello, James Stern, L. A. Campos, John Driver, Harold Hansen, Patrick Brescia, Albert C. Ernst, W. R. Armer, Hans Willie, T. E. Owens, J. Crean, John Sisneros, Bud DeMaranville and C. E. Wolf.

Thought for the week—Laws are generally not understood by three sorts of persons, viz: By those that make them, by those that execute them, and by those that suffer if they break them. Halifax.

John Weaks and James H. Haney are still on the disabled list. I talked to both of them and they informed me it will still be several weeks before they are able to return to work. All of their friends please take note and call to cheer them up.

Willie Carodine went into the hospital September 1 for exten-

sive tests. I hope that by our next issue he will have returned to work. Best of luck from all of us.

Regular union meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, 8 p.m., Labor Temple, Oakland. Remember, no meeting in September.

Members of the Tri-State Council Death Benefit Plan please take note that Death Assessment No. 679 is now due and payable.

Barbers 134

BY JACK M. REED

Brothers, at our regular September meeting, Thursday night, September 24 at the Labor Temple, we will have a demonstration of stretch wigs for men. It seems that all the department stores are featuring and selling these synthetic wigs. This is an item that should be sold and fitted in a barber shop and not in department stores by cosmetologists or sales clerks.

The different qualities and types will be shown and two wigs will be shaped and fitted on members from the audience. A few of our progressive members are making on this fad. Come down and see if there is a possible chance that you might increase your earnings on this item.

Brothers, as your Secretary, I try to the best of my ability to keep you informed before and after each resolution, petition, issue or what have you through this column and also the Official Notices in this paper. I do not have time to write this column on Union time, therefore it is done on my own time. No matter how clear or plain I spell it out, there are always five or six calls from brothers, who for numerous reasons, very seldom ever attend meetings who must have a recapitulation on what happened at the meeting and why the majority voted as they did. Remember, brothers, it takes a two-thirds majority of the members present to pass any resolution, so if you are concerned about any issue that is to be voted on, be present and vote.

The response to the Hairstyle Class is very slow and at least seven more students are needed to fill the class. Action is needed now. Union barbers from all of Alameda County and Contra Costa County are welcome. Call the office for further information.

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How to Buy

Beware the vending machine hoax

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Journal Consumer Expert
The many misrepresented vending-machine promotions are the most widespread of an array of heartless hoaxes masquerading as part-time earnings or investment opportunities.

Deceptive vending - machine sellers alone have taken literally millions of dollars from such investors as widows, and elderly and handicapped people hoping to supplement their income by servicing vending machines.

Other persistent hoaxes include rack distributorships, chinchilla breeding, and referral plans for the sale of vacuum cleaners and other merchandise. Another spreading hoax involves "import business opportunities."

THE ROLE of newspapers in accepting without investigation the "help wanted" and "business opportunity" ads which find the potential victims for these deceptions is a shameful chapter in American Journalism.

Better Business Bureau leaders, who seek to use persuasion rather than the legislative bludgeon to achieve reform, are deeply concerned about the need to close off this well-traveled avenue to victims.

The Bulletin of the St. Louis bureau this past June observed: We have noted over the years that as false advertising laws . . . against bait advertising are passed in the various states, almost without exception media are exempted from responsibility under such laws in what they accept."

In the same vein, the Akron bureau has suggested that media should require documented proof before accepting business opportunity ads making claims of sizable earnings.

Postal inspectors have found that as false advertising laws vending-machine sellers is an ad in the help-wanted columns seeking men or women to service coin-operated machines on either a full or part-time basis.

THOSE ANSWERING the ads are then approached by salesmen who induce them to buy vending units by falsely claiming they can earn big profits. Salesmen often promise that a trained factory representative will arrange suitable locations. Locations, if obtained, are generally the poorest sort.

Sometimes flimsy vending machines are sold at exorbitant prices. And sometimes investors do not get any vending machines at all.

The difficulty an individual faces in investing in vending machines is that in real life, the large operators usually have the good locations and only the unprofitable ones may be available.

Often the sellers indicate in their ads that they help you place machines. But the Federal Trade Commission often has complained that already-established routes are not available and the sellers almost never help place machines.

If you do not realize the difficulty of placing vending machines, you can satisfy yourself by asking the proprietors of the most popular businesses in your neighborhood whether they would let you place your machines there.

THE SALE of chinchilla breeding stock with the promise of large profits is a persistent promotion. TV advertising has given the promoters a new way to reach the public. This past year the FTC has issued citations for deceptive practices to chinchilla ranches at the rate of almost one a month.

In various cases the FTC has pointed out that (1) buildings used for raising chinchillas need adequate space and environmen-

tal control; (2) breeding chinchillas requires specialized knowledge; (3) chinchillas are not hardy but susceptible to various diseases; (4) some of the pelts will not be marketable at all and others would not sell for \$20 to \$70 and even up to \$120 as is often claimed; (5) purchasers will not realize annual incomes of \$10,000 to \$20,000 in five to six years; (6) the "unconditional guarantees" of replacement actually are subject to many limitations; (7) there is not "a great demand" for the pelts; (8) chinchillas are not odorless.

A number of companies and their salesmen selling by referral plans (promising bonuses for referrals) have been cited by federal and state authorities for using help-wanted ads.

As one example, Kirby vacuum cleaner salesmen have been cited a number of times. Last fall the Detroit Better Business Bureau reported that it had so many complaints that it was forced to report its findings to the Wayne County Prosecutor. Previously, the Kirby division of the Scott and Fetzer Company had told the prosecutor and the bureau that it would remedy such practices by its salesmen. The bureau cited this as a typical complaint: "I AM writing to you because of a gross misconception of a

company for whom I worked part-time. I replied to an ad in a suburban paper which read, 'Men Part-Time \$3.75 Hourly Guaranteed.' . . . I was employed by a Kirby distributor . . . they led me to understand that buying a Kirby at a reduced rate was a prerequisite of employment. They gave me a set commission rate which they did not live up to. I have not seen any of this guaranteed salary that they promised."

In Denver five salesmen for the Airway Sanitizer have been indicted for mail fraud. They placed help-wanted ads for women.

A prerequisite was the purchase of a vacuum cleaner at what the Post Office Department called "an exorbitant price."

Buyers were assured they could meet payments by making appointments for the company, the postal service charged. But few if any earned enough to meet the payments.

Some 1,000 persons in this one city allegedly were induced to buy "these often unwanted vacuum cleaners."

Another vacuum-cleaner company whose dealers have used "help wanted" ads to attract job seekers, federal authorities report, is Fairfax Industries of Washington, D.C.

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Getting Your Money's Worth

For the backyard barbecue set the battle of the briquet is not new, and the situation isn't about to change.

Consumer Reports offers this advice to help the frustrated chef light his fire. The easiest and most foolproof method is the fire chimney. One can be bought for about a dollar or made from a 46-ounce juice can or a two-pound coffee can.

CUT OUT both ends of the can and puncture seven or eight holes with a triangular-shaped can punch - opener around one end. Bend the cut-outs to form legs and stand the chimney in the bottom of the grill.

Next, the consumer magazine says, crumple one or two sheets of newspaper into the chimney and then fill at least halfway with briquets.

Light the paper and wait for the briquets to ignite.

Cautiously remove the chimney about 15 minutes later, either by its handle, or with tongs, and spread the coals for cooking.

Consumer Reports says when using an electric starter, be sure it's the grounded three-wire type

and be careful where you stash the starter. It retains heat for a long time.

A FLUID STARTER, if you prefer one, should always be barbecue fluid or kerosene. Never use cigarette lighter fluid, gasoline, benzene or lacquer thinner.

The best way to use barbecue fluid or kerosene, the report says, is to soak a few briquets with fluid in a sealed can or jar. Use these as the bottom layer of coals in the barbecue.

Consumer Reports warns that you should never use liquids labeled "Warning! Flammable" or "Danger! Extremely Flammable." Also, do not use ordinary matches; use long fireplace matches or butane or a paper torch instead.

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AFSCME 371 'Info'

BY NAT DICKERSON

One of the most fascinating and rewarding sights to be seen, the past holiday weekend was Dick Groulx, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, inconspicuously passing out vote registration literature by Swan's 10th Street Market.

This is an object lesson to many other high ranking union officials, who try to run their unions by remote control, and are so glaringly remiss in communications and participation as to risk disintegration of their unions.

In a gambler's parlance, Dick "puts his money where his mouth is," for apparently, time seems to be one of the most precious commodities about these days.

There is no substitute for a

conscientious dedication. "Right on," Dick

A remarkable argument against ethnic separation and for full participation of blacks in the nation's economy is put forth by Dr. Andrew F. Brimmer, Ph.D., in the August issue of Ebony Magazine.

Dr. Brimmer is a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, and appears to be a mathematical genius in proving his points by percentages and in predicting failure for those who plan totally black enterprises, or advocate segregated or separatist policies in national businesses, among other detrimental aspects.

All right Fellows, let's prepare to attend, in good numbers, the meeting of September 12. Joy Ghin (phonetics).

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Steamfitters-342

BY JIM MARTIN

Our Union's membership meeting on September 3 was well attended. It is always good to see a good turnout to take care of the business.

The Resolution providing for our membership to vote this coming December 13, at which time our General Election of officers will be held, to add 25 cents or more to the Pension Plan was adopted. Also, the Resolution which provides that we elect our Union Delegates to the 1971 National U. A. Convention and to the California Pipe Trades Convention was adopted. This will be taken care of at the December 13 meeting.

A Resolution providing that our new building in Concord be named "Steamfitters Local Union No. 342 of the United Association and the Martin J. Ward Training Center," had its first reading and will be acted upon at our October 1 meeting. It is the opinion of the business office that the name is quite appropriate for our next President of the Association, Marty Ward. This writer submitted the business office report covering some of the activities of Business Representatives Doyle Williams and Bobby Beeson and of the business office.

As previously reported, our Union's employment continues very good and we are helping out our sister Local Union by placing them to work, basically at Bechtel's project at Union Oil in Oleum.

As reported, Pacific Millstallation Company was the successful bidder for Kellogg's Corn Flake plant in San Leandro. This \$3,000,000 mechanical job should begin in about 10 days and will last approximately eight or nine months, employing a good sized crew of our members.

The Industrial Maintenance Company with offices located in Los Angeles have taken over the maintenance contract that Pie-rose Company had for many years at the Union Oil Refinery in Oleum. Our members just changed "hard hats."

D. W. Nicholson and Pacific Mechanical Company's projects at the Fibreboard in Antioch is still slow in getting underway. Likewise the Kellogg Company at the P. G. & E. Powerhouse have not been doing much lately.

We trust your long Labor Day weekend was to your liking. See you at our October 1 membership meeting.

Brother Hintz and his wife wish to take this opportunity to thank Bill Weber and the Brothers on the Bechtel job for their donations.

The Chairman of the Journeyman Training Committee wishes to announce the following classes are available for our members starting the Fall semester. The classes will be held at the Berkeley Evening Trade School located at 1804 Oregon Street, Berkeley. All interested members must register.

Drafting, blue-print reading and pipe layout will be taught by Brother Chaffee on Tuesday nights from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. This is a very interesting class—please take advantage of it.

Welding class will be held on Fridays from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. This class will be taught by Brother Yates and will consist of heli-arc and mig welding on various materials such as black iron, stainless steel and aluminum. Manual arc is also available.

Rigging class will also be taught on Friday nights from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. This class will be taught by Brother Steiger, and the class will consist of making up of booms, splicing wire lines, and the safety of rigging. Again, a worthwhile class.

Instrumentation class is also available on Mondays from 7

p.m. until 10 p.m. This class will consist of calibration of various instruments in general silver soldering, plastic welding, tubing and board work. This class will be very helpful to those who are interested in instrumentation work. We have Instrument's Representative to lecture on their instrument, which we find interesting and helpful to the class.

Registration for those classes mentioned above will start September 8, 1970, at the Berkeley Trade & Technical Division, located at 2215 Grove Street, Berkeley, in the Berkeley High School Building, Room G-104. Members living outside the Peralta College District, i.e., in Contra Costa County, Chabot College District, are reminded they must have out-of-district permits from their respective Junior College in order to register at Merritt College.

Knowledge is power — Brothers, take advantage of your Training Program.

Engineers settle at Red Star Yeast on eve of walkout

Stationary Engineers Local 39 reached a contract settlement last week with the Red Star Yeast Company in Oakland as members were ready to strike within hours.

The agreement is for one year, with a 52 cent pay raise retroactive to July 1.

The employer pension contribution was increased by 5 cents per hour and 1 cent more per hour will support the dental care plan.

Management agreed to maintain present health and welfare benefits.

Local 39 had expected support of Teamsters Brewers & Maltsters Local 893 if it had struck. Local 893 had negotiated a new agreement in mid-August.

New BTC pacts

New Alameda County Building Trades Council contracts reported to the last BTC meeting are with Jerry Denzler Masonry Company, Ken H. Earp Construction Company, Inc.; Pennell Plastering Company and R & S Enterprizes.

New delegates

New delegates seated last week by the Alameda County Central Labor Council are George F. Henderson and Robert L. Bissell Jr., both of Grain Millers Local 211.

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Regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. in our building at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LEVIN CHARLES,
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

Auto, Marine & Specialty Painters 1176 meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month in Room H, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

E.B. SENIOR CITIZENS 1389

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The next meeting of the East Bay Senior Citizens Club No. 1389 will be held on Wednesday, September 16, at 1 o'clock p.m.

(PLEASE NOTE: The time is 1 p.m. As printed last week the time was given erroneously).

This change was ordered by the Executive Board due to above.

Please bring the Special Convention Issue of "Senior Citizens' News" as The Executive Board will make recommendations on the Resolutions passed by the National Convention for your action.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally,
ED T. MERRITT,
Secretary-Treasurer

BARBERS 134

The regular September meeting will be held on Thursday night, September 24, 1970 at the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez Streets, Oakland.

The Resolution to close the Saturdays before Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Labor Day passed by a large majority. This will go into effect next year.

Hairstyle Class starts September 16, 1970. Last year six members were too late. First come, first served! Please call the office for further information.

Fraternally,
JACK M. REED,
Secretary-Treasurer

MILLMEN'S UNION 550

The next regular meeting of Millmen's Union Local 550 will be held Friday, September 18, 1970 at 8 p.m., Hall A at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

There will be a special called meeting, along with the regular meeting, to discuss assessments.

Fraternally,
ODUS G. HOWARD,
Financial Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

The regular meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
FRED HARMON,
Business Manager

IRON WORKERS 378

Our Regular Executive Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 8 p.m.

Stewards meetings also are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 8 p.m.

Our regular membership meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
BOB McDONALD,
Business Agent

AFSCME U.C. 371

Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 12, 1970 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 155, Kroeber Hall. The Stewards will meet also. All members are welcome to attend.

Fraternally,
J. J. SANTORO,
Sec.-Treas.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. with a social following the meeting on the fourth Thursday.

The office of the financial secretary is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays, and 7:30 a.m. to noon Fridays.

Stewards meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. A stewards training program is held in conjunction with the stewards meeting.

Fraternally,
JOHN C. DAVIS,
President
KYLE MOON,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

On September 17, 1970 Mr. Dean Wright of Oakland, California, will speak on Workmen's Compensation. Please try to attend.

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley, Ca.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Rec.-Sec.

SERVICE EMPLOYEES 18

General membership meetings of Service Employees Local 18 are held at 3 p.m. the fourth Friday of each month in Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

At the regular membership meeting Friday, September 25 there will be nominations for two vacancies on the executive board and for the offices of treasurer and delegate. There will be a secret ballot vote on a dues increase.

Fraternally,
BEN J. TUSI,
Secretary

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local 194 meets the first and third Monday evenings of the month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building, located at 2201 Central Avenue, Alameda.

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the Canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your Local's meetings.

Fraternally,
WM. "BILL" LEWIS,
Recording Secretary

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 3

General membership meeting Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, the fourth Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
JACK KENNEDY,
Business Representative

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Meeting second Friday of the month at 8 p.m. in Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
TED E. AHL,
Secretary

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The Regular Meeting of the California, Oakland Unified School Employees Local Union 257 will be held on Saturday, September 12, 1970 at 10:30 a.m. in the Castlemont High School Auditorium, 8601 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, California.

The Executive Board will meet at 8:00 a.m. in Community Room. All Board members please take note.

The regular meeting of the Cafeteria Workers will follow at 1:30 p.m. in the same auditorium at Castlemont.

Fraternally,
HAROLD BENNER,
Executive Secretary

Postal Clerks ask repeal of ban on U.S. worker strikes

A call for repeal of the federal ban on strikes by government employees and amnesty for all workers involved in the mail strike last March was issued by delegates to the 36th annual convention of the Postal Clerks in Los Angeles.

The convention voted to increase the per capita dues payments from \$1.35 to \$1.70 a month and continue the 5 cent rebate to state associations.

The delegates turned down a proposal to raise the per capita tax to \$2. The convention also rejected a proposed pay increase for officers.

The convention approved a constitutional change providing for a membership referendum vote on the election of officers, starting in 1972. The action removes one barrier to merger with the unaffiliated National Postal Union.

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CARPET & LINOLEUM 1290

The next meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Workers Local 1290 will be held on Thursday, September 24 at 8 p.m., Hall "C," 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. Please attend.

National Conference deaths are now due and payable through NC 366. Also \$3.50 for Brother Ed Johnson who passed away in June and \$3.50 for Brother Cecil Graham who passed away in July.

Fraternally,
BOB SEIDEL,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held Wednesday, September 23, 1970 in Hall A of the Labor Temple Building.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Regular order of business. Please be sure to attend this meeting, since union meetings are a very important part of union membership.

Fraternally,
GEORGE A. HESS,
Business Manager &
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

CARPENTERS 36

The regular meetings for Carpenters Local Union 36 are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8460 Enterprise Way, Oakland, California 94621, at 8 p.m. Phone 569-3465.

The hours of the Financial Secretary's office are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Friday the office closes at 1 p.m.

Stewards meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month, at the hall.

The delegates to the CARPENTERS 31st GENERAL CONVENTION will present their reports on September 17.

Fraternally,
ALLEN L. LINDER,
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he stands up and tells why (in a debate) he has done nothing about rising crime, rising welfare and rising unemployment—except accept it."

Tunney lashed his opponent, GOP Senator George Murphy, for voting against even hot school lunches, against consumer aid, legal rights for the poor, education, tax reform and a host of other measures.

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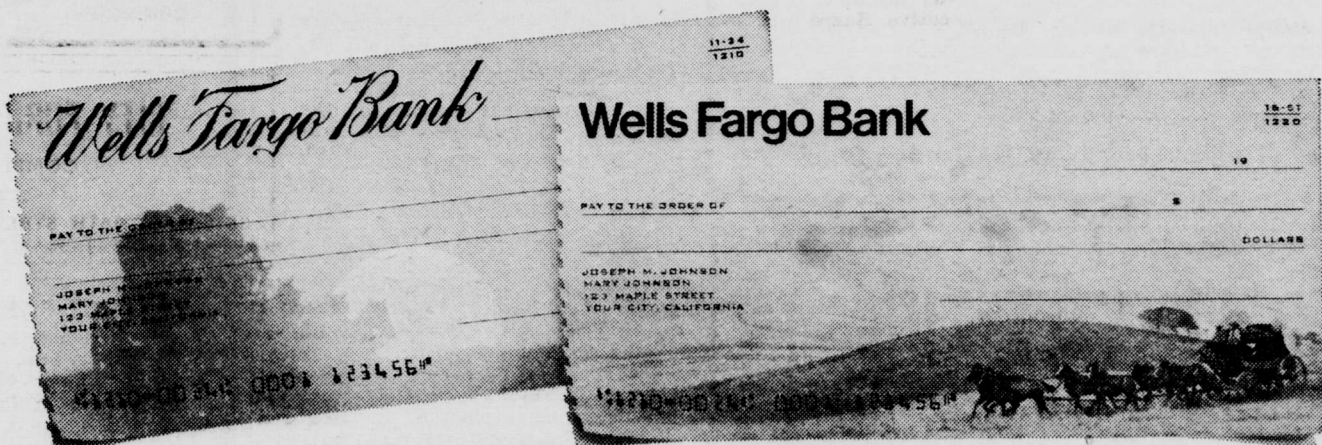
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BY BARBARA LINDER

Dear Ladies:

Over the next few months we are going to write this column for, to and about you; so any items or contributions will be greatly appreciated. For those of you who are not members of our Auxiliary, our membership is open to the wives, sisters, daughters and mothers of any Carpenter in good standing. We meet on the first and third Thursday at 8460 Enterprise Way, Oakland, at 8 p.m., and we are sponsored by Carpenter's Local 36, but are not limited to the wives, sisters, daughters and mothers of Local 36 members.

Our main purpose is to promote the use of the union label and to aid our husbands, sons, fathers and brothers in the advancement of their trade. This year we plan such social activities as a picnic, a covered dish dinner, and others as our members and friends wish.

At our meeting, on September 3, we had a surprise Birthday Party for our charter member Annie Elvin who was 83 on August 11 and plans were formulated for our picnic at Meeks Estate Park, Hayward, on September 20.

Sunshine Chairman Etta Anderson reported that Lillian Johnson is doing well and hopes to be with us at our next meeting. We had the honor of having Clare Durlinger join us for a while also.

In addition to the social activities now on the calendar, we are collecting "Cents-Off" store coupons for the City of Hope and Porterville State Hospital. If any of you have coupons you could donate, instead of throwing them in the waste basket, please send them to me at 4915 Vannoy Avenue, Castro Valley, Ca. 94546. Over the past five years the various auxiliaries throughout California have collected over \$9,000 worth of coupons and we can use more.

As we receive the coupons, I shall let you know, through this column, how many we get. Let us see how many we can get by the end of the year.

Watchmakers 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

Last week we reported to you that Frank De Filippo, watchmaker employed by Granat Bros. at their Grant Avenue store in San Francisco, was to enter the hospital. We talked with Frank today, September 3, and are happy to be able to report that they found surgery unnecessary and he is at home recuperating. This is good news for all of us, and we hope to be able to soon report that he is back to work.

If you telephone the office during the weeks September 14 through 25 and find you get no answer — it is because Mildred will be on vacation during these two weeks. I will endeavor to be in the office each day, however, there are times when I must leave for something on the outside that needs my attention. Should something important arise and you find it difficult to reach me, drop me a card and I will contact you.

SAN FRANCISCO MEETING: The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. — Union Office, 693 Mission Street, Suite 707, San Francisco.

AFT vice president

President James Ballard of the San Francisco Federation of Teachers was elected a vice president of the American Federation of Teachers at the AFT's convention. He succeeds Al Tarron, also of San Francisco, who retired.

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Bargaining and politics will get you a break

In his Labor Day statement, AFL-CIO President George Meany serves notice that working people will continue to vigorously demand their "share of the pie" by improving wages and other benefits in collective bargaining.

With unemployment rising—and expected to stay high by the Nixon administration which is causing it—and with prices at inflationary highs, this is a solid position.

It took Nixonism to produce an inflationary recession featuring continual rising prices while working people have less money to pay those prices.

Besides collective bargaining, Meany and labor also have noted, working people had better be vigorous in politics if the root causes of this double evil are to be eliminated.

Starting in California in the current campaign, the Republican architects of our present problems must be retired. The first step to sending Nixon back to private life and substituting fair-price, full employment policies, is to win for COPE's state and Congressional candidates in November.

The President has been given power to channel credit into job-producing areas, instead of to speculative enterprises benefitting big operators. He has not used it.

In an economy where lenders—including pawnbrokers—are doing famously, the administration clings to high interest rate policies which are major contributors to inflation.

The administration continues to shortchange housing, education and other productive, needed enterprises. Latest is the petty move of holding back on nearly one-fourth of federal student loan funds.

Collective bargaining—and politics—can help you get your share of the pie.

The real state issue -- jobs

As we expected, the governor of California has opened his campaign with a strong emphasis on what he calls the small percentage of malcontents.

For those who may be swayed to consider his policy favorable to law and order, let us note that in his nearly four years in office, crime and off and on campus disturbances have skyrocketed.

And for those who look to real issues, a glance at California's total of 558,000 jobless—a 6.2 per cent unemployment rate—should puncture his arguments. This while inflation is at a record high.

He has done nothing and in his campaign kickoff said nothing about this blot on the state resulting from the policies of a national administration which he supports.

Nixonism means joblessness. And Reaganism goes along.

National health insurance

National health insurance now is before both houses of Congress with introduction of a bill by Senator Edward M. Kennedy and 14 other Senators.

Representative Martha Griffin's bill has been in the House for months and has attracted significant support from the nation.

We agree with Senator Kennedy's comment as his measure went into the hopper:

"Health care is the fastest growing failing business in the nation—a \$63,000,000,000 industry which fails to meet the urgent needs of our people."

Health care costs go in only one direction — up. While American medical science is far ahead of other nations, health care is not reaching many who need it.

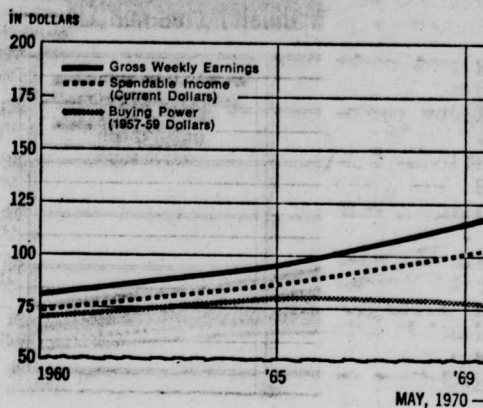
The reason is an outmoded method of distributing care plus its out of reach prices.

National health insurance is a must. We note that even the American Medical Association, which battled Medicare tooth and nail, has its own version.

This should be adequate proof that it realizes the people now demand national health insurance.

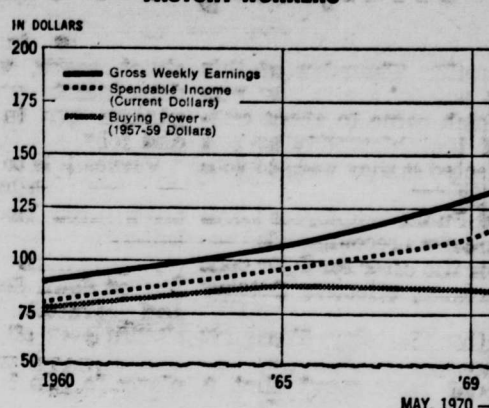
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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

Dear Dick, please make it all come true

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that, no matter how hard he tried, he just couldn't get ahead in fiscal 1970.

INSTEAD of having a neat billion and a half put by for a rainy day, poor old Dick was \$2,900,000,000 farther in the red when this July 1 rolled around.

Fiscal 1970 was strictly Dick's baby. He could blame the fiscal 1969 deficit on Lyndon since he drew up that budget before he took off for Texas and you know how extravagant these Democrats are.

Now Dick's in full charge of the store, and he was wrong last February when he said we'd have a billion and a half budget surplus.

I do hope he does better this fiscal year.

Because if he doesn't I'm going to stop believing anything he says.

DICK ACTUALLY double-crossed himself by trying to do

too many things at once.

He tried to beat inflation by spending less and did spend less than he thought he'd have to.

But that meant too many taxpayers had to take a hitch in their belts, so the store must have taken in less.

That affected big taxpayers too—all but the banks who were happily making high interest hand over fist.

Take Stauffer Chemical Company for an example. Its net for the first six months is down almost \$1,000,000 from last year and it tells its stockholders that "sales volume in the second quarter of 1970 continued to reflect the general slowdown in many areas of the nation's economy."

DICK MUST feel pretty bad about that other promise to lick inflation.

Here's the Pacific Gas & Electric Company. It tells its stockholders that it took in less per share in the first half of 1970 than the same 1969 period, even though it grossed a lot more money.

"Unfortunately, these highly satisfactory increases in revenue were more than offset by increases in costs arising from inflation," says PG&E.

If I were PG&E I wouldn't complain too much, since its second quarter earnings per share are down only by 2 cents.

But it just goes to show that everybody's feeling the pinch.

SO I SAY again, poor Dick, if some of those things he promised don't come true I'll stop believing him altogether.

I've already stopped believing Spiro.

Labor Federation stresses politics

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ing Trades Council President Paul Jones and Central Labor Council Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx.

Two new vice presidents were named to fill vacancies. They are Steve Edney, a Southern California Cannery Workers representative and first black unionist named to the executive council, and Lloyd J. Lea, of the Lumber & Sawmill Workers in Weed.

In two contests, Vice President Manuel Dias defeated Art Carter of the Contra Costa County CLC, and Thomas A. Small of San Mateo County defeated Robert O. Delzell.

Convention action included:

1. A pledge of full support to UFWOC in its farm organizing plus a call for all paid AFL-CIO officers to contribute \$5 a month to UFWOC as long as necessary. Delegates contributed \$116,600.

2. A demand that the Nixon administration halt its job-killing program which accepts extensive unemployment as an anti-inflation tool.

3. A call for more effort for equal rights plus concrete job-producing housing, public service employment, and manpower programs. The convention condemned the Nixon "Philadelphia Plan."

4. Urged increases and benefit extensions in disability, unemployment and workmen's compensation programs.

Plumbers plan Cooper testimonial to aid campaign

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June primary election but faces a runoff at the general election November 3.

He has endorsement of the Alameda County Building Trades Council and COPE.

The event will be held at Goodman's Hall, Jack London Square, Oakland. Reservations are \$10 a plate.

Main speaker will be California Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch.

In a letter to unions, urging a big turnout at the dinner, Local 444 Business Manager & Financial Secretary George A. Hess said Cooper's election will "assure labor a strong friend on the board of supervisors which . . . has consistently acted against the interests of working people and for downtown business interests."

Cooper, an Oakland attorney, is a former Alameda County Central Labor Council delegate and was a director in 1951 and 1952 of the AFL Alameda County Voters League, a predecessor of COPE.

Cooper's program, Hess told unions, calls for measures to "revive the sick housing industry, to train the disadvantaged for jobs which actually exist and not to compete with already jobless workers, for conservation and real public health and other programs replacing the county's pennypinching policies."

Checks for reservations should be made to Fred F. Cooper Testimonial Dinner and sent to Hess at Local 444, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

New Zealand printers back Independent-Journal strike

The eight month old strike against the scab San Rafael Independent Journal has become an international cause with a message of support from New Zealand union printers.

The International Typographical Union got a wire at its Colorado Springs headquarters, declaring:

"The New Zealand Printers Union Workers commend the stand taken by the San Rafael printers in defense of union principles, wages and conditions."

"Please convey our sympathy and solidarity to the embattled workers."

Members of Typographical Un-

ion Local 21 walked out January 7 after management had sought to cut down former contract terms in more than a year of negotiations. Firings of unionists and management refusal to refer the cases to the contract's grievance machinery triggered the strike.

Scabs have put out the paper since the strike began.

New Zealand labor heard of the San Rafael struggle from Frank Thorn, a member of the executive council of the New Zealand Federation of Labor, who participated in a Marin march for the strikers while visiting the Bay Area in July.

Hayward employees voting on city offer; may set strike

Hayward union city employees were meeting Thursday of this week to act on a city pay proposal which came to about one-third of their demands and, if they rejected it they were to vote on a strike date.

United Public Employees Local 390 negotiators recommended rejection of the offer for 5 per cent pay increases, effective October 1.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Paul Varacalli said the negotiators would recommend that a strike be set to start at 12:01 a.m. next Wednesday, September 16.

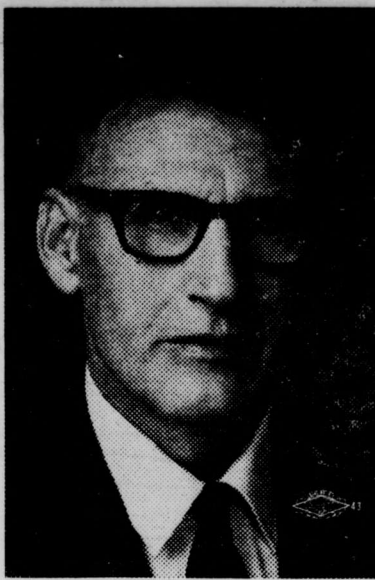
The 140 non-uniformed employees want 15 per cent or \$100 a month raises, whichever is larger, plus fringe benefit improvements. The city's offer included very little on fringes, Varacalli said.

Employees involved are in street, sewer, water and parks departments and work in city garages and in building custodial jobs.

Varacalli is to meet today, Friday, with Ralph B. Hoyt, the city's hired labor relations consultant.

Negotiations with Hayward bogged down during the summer and produced another strike possibility over city refusal to permit more than one of its employees to join in negotiations on paid time.

A strike, set for August 14, was averted when the city revised its proposal and allowed pay for three employee negotiators. Local 390 had pointed out that state law prescribes a "reasonable" number of such employees in negotiations.



VINCE RIDDLE

Office union files unfair charge against bank

Office & Professional Employees Local 29 has filed unfair labor practice charges against the Security National Bank, charging it fired employees for union activity.

The bank is headed by President Fortney (Pete) Stark who campaigned in a special Contra Costa State Senate election last year as being "with organized labor all the way."

A campaign advertisement said Stark "believes all working men and women have the right to organize."

The union had been organizing employees at the bank's Oakland branch when, it told the National Labor Relations Board, three of its supporters were fired and two forced to quit in what it called "constructive discharges."

The three lost their jobs a few hours after they had been seen talking to a union representative, the union reported.

Local 29 has secured strike sanction against Security National from the Contra Costa County Central Labor Council. All but one of the bank's offices are in Contra Costa County.

UAW set to strike auto firms Monday

A nationwide strike against either the giant General Motors, Chrysler Corporation or both is scheduled for next Monday unless the auto makers boost their offer to the United Auto Workers.

The UAW will exempt Ford, which also has been in UAW negotiations, because, President Leonard Woodstock said, "we want at least one firm producing mini-cars to meet the competition from the imports."

The union turned down offers by the Big 3 auto manufacturers September 1, calling them the worst the union had ever seen.

GM, a union spokesman said, has not met a single demand of the union. GM may feel it is a sound offer but it is essentially a hiccup.

Contracts covering 730,000 UAW members expire Monday. Of the total, GM accounts for 416,000, Chrysler 120,000 and Ford 177,600.

Riles adds to committee

Additional Bay Area members of Wilson Riles steering committee for his campaign for state superintendent of Public Instruction, announced this week, are Assemblyman March K. Fong, ILWU International Vice President William Chester and San Francisco Supervisor Terry Francois.

Riddle retires as fireman; will be fulltime union aide

Vince Riddle retired from the Oakland fire department last week after 25 years and planned to devote full time to his job as an International Association of Fire Fighters vice president.

Riddle, a former president of Fire Fighters Local 55, left the department with the rank of lieutenant and a long record of local and international union activity.

He was named chairman of Local 55's Shorter Hours Committee in the 1950s and aided in securing the 56 hour week in Oakland, Emeryville and San Leandro in 1957.

In 1957 he was elected to the Local 55 executive board and was elected president in 1960, serving five terms.

He has also been a legislative representative of the Federated Fire Fighters of California at Sacramento and served as its Fourth District vice president from 1962 until this year.

He was elected international vice president for District 10 in February, 1969, and re-elected at the recent international convention at Miami Beach. The district covers California, Hawaii, Arizona and New Mexico.

His work of assisting local unions in bargaining has involved strikes or strike situations throughout the four-state district as firemen seek better pay and conditions.

He will conduct his union work from his home, 296 St. Andrews Street, Hayward, telephone 471-0402.

Fremont firemen OK pact

Fremont firemen last week ratified by a 91-3 vote a new city offer raising pay 10 and 12½ per cent in two stages by next January 1 and cutting hours to 56 a week January 1, 1972.

Strike sanction for Fremont Fire Fighters Local 1689 had been placed in the hands of Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx by the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

It raises pay for firemen and fire alarm operators by 5 per cent effective last July 1 and

another 5 per cent January 1. Lieutenants, inspectors and captains get a 5 per cent raise effective July 1 and 7½ per cent January 1.

City medical plan payments are raised to \$25 per man per month from the previous \$11.68 and five to 10 year men get an extra 36 hours vacation.

The city agreed to pay men acting in a higher pay capacity at the higher rate and increased uniform allowances.

Dellums wins new backing

COPE-backed Seventh Congressional District candidate Ronald V. Dellums has been endorsed by the National Committee for an Effective Congress. Dellums headquarters announced.

The committee, a non-partisan group which supports candidates on its evaluation of their qualifications, has endorsed two other California candidates. They are Democratic Congressman John V. Tunney, running for the U.S. Senate, and Republican Congressman Paul N. (Pete) McCloskey, running for re-election in San Mateo County.

The committee declared: "We feel that Ronald V. Dellums has the maturity and dedication vitally needed to help elevate Congress to that plateau of service and commitment which will help us to progress as a nation."

"He has constantly championed those causes and issues that mark him as a voice and servant of the people."

COPE gave Dellums its endorsement on his record in the Berkeley city council which included strong support for the rights of city employees and vigorous advocacy of the California table grape boycott which won union contracts for the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

Demo women set meet

The Alameda County Democratic Women's Study Club will hear a representative of Dr. Wilson Riles, candidate for state superintendent of education, at its luncheon meeting at noon next Wednesday, September 16, at Tom Lovely's Buffet, 336 Grand Avenue, Oakland.

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